

Examiner's Amendment:

1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Janet E. Embretson on 02 May 2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

2a. In claim 19, line ²~~1~~, after "electrophoresis" delete "in step b)". *Ch 6/9/06*

Status of Claims:

3. Claims 1-16, 20-27 and 29-31 have been cancelled. Claims 28, 17, 18, 19, 32-40, (now renumbered claims 1-13, respectively).

Advisory Information:

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fozia M. Hamud whose telephone number is (571) 272-0884. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Thursday-Friday, 6:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda G. Brumback can be reached on (571) 272-0961. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.